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FOR ATHERTON AND LEIGH

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SUBJECT: PRESS GUIDANCE REQUESTED ON BOSTON GLOBE REPORT

OF US GUARANTEEING ISRAEL OIL DELIVERIES IN THE

EVENT OF AN EMBARGO

FOR AMBASSADOR ANDERSON FROM S/PRS (FUNSETH) NO. 21

1. WE HAVE RECEIVED PRESS INQUIRIES ABOUT A STORY BY BILL
BEECHER WHICH IS TO APPEAR IN TOMORROW'S "BOSTON GLOBE"
(AUGUST 27) THAT IN THE EVENT OF A FUTURE OIL EMBARGO THAT
WOULD CUT ISRAEL FROM OUTSIDE SOURCES OF OIL, THE USG HAS
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NOT ONLY AGREED TO MAKE UP ANY DEFICITS FROM ITS OWN OIL

STOCKS BUT TO SUPPLY U.S. WARSHIPS TO ESCORT TANKERS
CARRYING THIS OIL FROM U.S. TO ISRAEL IN ORDER TO ENSURE
ITS DELIVERY.

2. OUR REPLY HAS BEEN THAT WE HAVE NO COMMENT TO MAKE ON
THIS PARTICULAR STORY AND TO RECALL THAT WE HAVE DECLINED
TO COMMENT ON ANY REPORTS ABOUT THE DETAILS OF A POSSIBLE
INTERIM AGREEMENT.

3. I WOULD APPRECIATE ANY PARTICULAR GUIDANCE YOU MAY WISH
TO PROVIDE ME FOR MY WEDNESDAY (AUGUST 27) BRIEFING.

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